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C O N F I D E N T I A L RABAT 4405

DEPT. FOR NEA ONLY FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON FROM
HAYNES AND ANDERSON; NOUAKCHOTT HOLD FOR AMB. HANDYSIDE;
ALGIERS FOR AMBASSADOR HAYNES ONLY

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINR, AG, MO
SUBJ: HAYNES-ANDERSON CONSULTATIONS

1. SUBJECT TO MODIFICATIONS BY AMBASSADOR HANDYSIDE, WHO
I UNDERSTAND IS ON CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON, AMBASSADOR
HAYNES AND I WANT TO FOLLOW UP ON OUR GOOD TALK WITH YOU
IN AMMAN ON AUGUST 7 BY REPORTING THAT OUR PARIS CON-
SULTATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR HANDYSIDE ON JULY 28-29 WERE
SO USEFUL IN TERMS OF JUST GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER AND
IN GAINING A GREATER APPRECIATION OF THE NATURE OF OUR
RELATIONS WITH ALGERIA, MAURITANIA AND MOROCCO. AS WE
MENTIONED IN AMMAN, TO HAVE HAD HANDY WITH US WAS INVALUABLE.
A FOUNTAIN OF KNOWLEDGE, HE GAVE US AN ILLUMINATING INSIGHT
INTO THE MAURTIANIAN ASPECT OF THE SAHARA EQUATION -- AN
INSIGHT ONE GAINS ONLY THROUGH THE GIVE AND TAKE OF EXTENDED
TALKS. HANDY WAS IN WASHINGTON BEGINNING THE WEEK OF
AUGUST 1 AND WAS GOING TO BRIEF JIM BISHOP AND HIS OWN
OFFICE ON THOSE POINTS WHICH MIGHT BE OF INTEREST.

2. AS FOR OUR TALKS IN PARIS AND LATER IN AMMAN, RICK
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AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW:

A. RICK NOW HAS A MORE DETAILED APPRECIATION OF
THE DEPTH AND EXTENT OF OUR POLITICAL, MILITARY AND
ECONOMIC RELATIONS, AND OF OUR INTELLIGENCE COOPERATION
WITH MOROCCO. I NOW HAVE A BETTER APPRECIATION OF OUR
EXTENSIVE ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH ALGERIA, OF THE POSSIBLE
POTENTIAL FOR BROADENING OUR CONTACTS AND ACTIVITIES

WITH THE ALGERIAN LEADERSHIP AND OF THE SERIOUS INTERNAL
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS FACING BOUMEDIENE.

B. WE VIEW UNITED STATES INTERESTS IN THE AREA
SIMILARLY IN TERMS OF FAVORING THE PEACEFUL RESOLUTION
OF REGIONAL TENSIONS, AVOIDING BIG POWER CONFRONTATION IN
THE AREA, AND DEVELOPING OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH
ALGERIA AND MOROCCO NOT NECESSARILY IN LINKAGE.

C. WE WILL CONTINUE TO REMAIN IN CLOSE TOUCH AND TO
CONCERT WHERE WE THINK IT HELPFUL AND LOGICAL ON POLICY
RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT.

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